



North Dakota Northwest Public Fishing Waters

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The following includes the Northwest District public fishing waters, listed alphabetically by county. Each listing includes travel directions, most common species present, and fishing piers (listed if present). Most of North Dakota public fishing waters have a boat ramp (concrete and/or metal). If a boat ramp is lacking at a specific water body, it is listed as 'no ramp'. [Hyperlinked Public Waters](#) open a PDF map that include depth contours on a aerial photo background showing the surrounding area and facilities available.

Rivers and Lakes

Upper Missouri River -- *Missouri River from Williston to the Montana state line* (paddlefish, sauger, catfish).

Yellowstone River -- *Near cities of Buford, Cartwright and Fairview* (paddlefish, sauger, catfish - fishing pier).

(7) Burke County

Powers Lake -- *Southeast side of Powers Lake* (pike, perch - fishing pier).

Short Creek Dam -- *5.5 miles north of Columbus* (walleye, perch, bluegill - fishing pier).

Smishek Lake -- *4 miles northwest of Powers Lake* (pike, perch, walleye - fishing pier).

Northgate Dam -- *6 miles north, 1 mile west, 2 miles north, .5 miles west of Bowbells* (walleye, bluegill, trout - fishing pier).

(12) Divide County

Skjermo Lake -- *3 miles west, 4 miles northwest of Fortuna* (pike, perch - fishing pier).

Baukol-Noonan Dam -- *2 miles east, .5 miles south of Noonan* (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass - fishing pier).

Baukol-Noonan East Mine Pond -- *2 miles east, .5 miles south of Noonan* (trout, bluegill, perch).

(27) McKenzie County

Arnegard Dam -- *.5 miles west, 3 miles north, 1.5 miles southwest of Arnegard* (pike, perch).

Sather Dam -- *11 miles south, 8 miles west of Alexander* (bluegill, largemouth bass - fishing pier).

Leland Dam -- *11 miles south, 8 miles west, 8 miles south, 2 miles southeast, 1.5 miles east, 1 mile north of Alexander* (bluegill, largemouth bass).

Watford City Park Pond -- *Southeast side of Watford City* (trout, catfish - no ramp, fishing pier).

(31) Mountrail County

Stanley Pond -- *Northeast side of Stanley* (trout, catfish - fishing pier).

White Earth Dam -- *6 miles north of White Earth* (pike, walleye, perch - fishing pier).

Stanley Reservoir -- *1 mile south of Stanley* (pike).

(38) Renville County

Lake Darling -- *16 miles north, 13 miles west of Minot* (pike, walleye, perch - fishing pier).

(51) Ward County

Nelson-Landers Pond -- *.25 miles west, .5 miles south, .25 miles east of Kenaston* (bluegill, largemouth bass - fishing pier).

(53) Williams County

Trenton Lake -- *South side of Trenton* (pike, walleye, crappie - fishing pier).

West Spring Lake Pond -- *North edge of Williston* (trout - no ramp).

Kettle Lake -- *3 miles east, 2.5 miles north of Zahl* (trout, largemouth bass - fishing pier).

Blacktail Dam -- *5 miles north, 5 miles west, 1 mile north of the junction of U.S. highways 2 and 85* (pike, perch, bluegill - fishing pier).

Epping-Springbrook Dam -- *1.5 miles east of Springbrook* (pike, walleye, perch - fishing pier).

(53) Williams County

Kota-Ray Dam -- 5 miles south, .5 miles east, 2 miles south of Ray (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass - fishing pier).

McLeod (Ray) Reservoir -- Southwest side of Ray (walleye, perch - fishing pier).

McGregor Dam -- 1 mile south of McGregor (walleye, trout, perch - fishing pier).

Tioga Dam -- North side of Tioga (pike, perch - fishing pier).

East Spring Lake Pond -- North side of Williston (trout - no ramp, fishing pier).

Cottonwood Lake -- 1 mile east, .5 miles north of Alamo (pike, perch - fishing pier).

Little Muddy River -- East edge of Williston (- fishing pier).